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# **APPENDICES R-X: TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS IN DEMONSTRATION COURTS**

## **I. Introduction**

For purposes of assessing whether the trial court demonstration projects have had an effect on demonstration courts' ability to deal with their workload, it is important to look at caseload data for those courts. On a regular basis, Michigan courts provide SCAO with caseload reports showing such data as new filings, cases disposed, and cases pending.

Presented here in Appendices R-X are caseload trend data from SCAO for each of the demonstration projects. Each appendix includes information provided for this assessment to NCSC by SCAO in 2001. For all of the demonstration courts except Iron County (where the demonstration project began in 1999), each appendix also includes tables from the initial evaluation of the demonstration projects completed by NCSC in early 1999.

## **II. Caseload Data Provided by SCAO in 2001**

SCAO maintains detailed information about the caseloads in each Michigan court. For the demonstration courts, information in these appendices includes:

- Caseload activity for calendar year 2000 at the circuit, district, and probate levels of trial court;
- Trends in filings, dispositions, and pending cases at the circuit, district, and probate levels of trial court;
- Trends in the number of minors under juvenile court jurisdiction;
- Trends in total filings, dispositions, and pending cases for a demonstration court (combining totals for the separate pre-consolidation courts); and
- Trends in caseload, revenue and expenditures for the Friend of the Court (FOC) in each demonstration court.

### **III. SCAO Caseload Data Reported in 1999 NCSC Evaluation Reports**

In early 1999, NCSC submitted its final report of an initial evaluation of the demonstration projects.<sup>1</sup> Accompanying the final report were separate evaluation reports on each of the first six demonstration projects (not including the project in Iron County, which began in 1999). For purposes of comparison with 2001 SCAO data, some of the tables from the 1999 evaluation reports on individual demonstration courts are included in the appendices presented here. Those tables include the following:

- Circuit Court caseload activity, 1995 and 1997;
- District Court caseload activity, 1995 and 1997; and
- Probate Court caseload activity, 1995 and 1997.

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<sup>1</sup> See David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation: Final Evaluation Report* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999).

**APPENDIX R.**

**TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS  
IN BARRY COUNTY DEMONSTRATION COURT**

## **APPENDIX R.**

### **TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS IN BARRY COUNTY DEMONSTRATION COURT**

The following tables show caseload trends in Barry County, from the years immediately preceding commencement of the trial court demonstration project through the year 2000. These tables are based on data reported to SCAO by court officials in Barry County, and they include both (a) SCAO data reported in NCSC's 1999 evaluation of the Barry County demonstration project,<sup>\*</sup> and (b) information provided by SCAO for this follow-up assessment. This appendix includes the following graphs and tables:

- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Barry County in 1995;
- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Barry County in 1997;
- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Barry County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, 1993-2000;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Barry County in 1995;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Barry County in 1997;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Barry County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 56-1 District Court, 1993-2000;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Barry County in 1995;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Barry County in 1997;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Barry County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, Barry County Probate Court, 1993-2000;
- Minors under Jurisdiction, Barry County Juvenile Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in New Case Filings, Barry County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Dispositions, Barry County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Ending-Pending, Barry County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Revenue and Expenditures, Barry County FOC, 1993-2000; and
- Trends in FOC Caseload, Barry County FOC, 1993-2000.

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<sup>\*</sup> See David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Two: Final Evaluation of Barry County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999).

**CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY  
IN BARRY COUNTY IN 1995\***

<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>Filed/Re- opened</b>	<b>Disposed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	<b>Over 2 Years</b>
<i>Criminal</i>					
• Capital	4	14	13	5	0
• Noncapital	48	228	250	26	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	56	84	77	63	1
• Auto Negligence	19	12	16	15	0
• Other	26	20	36	10	1
<i>Domestic Relations</i>					
• Divorce	161	319	355	125	2
• Paternity	11	92	95	8	0
• Support	3	44	35	12	0
• Other	12	109	115	8	0
<i>Appeals</i>					
• Criminal	2	0	1	1	0
• Civil	3	3	1	5	
• Agency	4	46	41	9	0
• Other	0	4	1	3	1
<i>Circuit Court Totals</i>	<i>349</i>	<i>977</i>	<i>1036</i>	<i>290</i>	<i>5</i>

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\* Source: David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Two: Final Evaluation of Barry County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999), based on 1995 caseload reports to SCAO.



**CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY  
IN BARRY COUNTY IN 1997\***

<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>Filed/Re- opened</b>	<b>Disposed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	<b>Over 2 Years</b>
<i>Criminal</i>					
• Capital	9	21	26	4	0
• Noncapital	46	204	189	61	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	67	124	128	63	1
• Auto Negligence	23	21	30	14	0
• Other	15	28	24	19	0
<i>Domestic Relations</i>					
• Divorce	152	311	327	136	0
• Paternity	14	49	50	13	0
• Support	5	76	68	13	0
• Other	13	183	184	12	0
<i>Appeals</i>					
• Criminal	1	0	1	0	0
• Civil	4	2	3	3	0
• Agency	12	49	47	14	0
• Other	3	6	9	0	0
<i>Circuit Court Totals</i>	<i>364</i>	<i>1074</i>	<i>1086</i>	<i>352</i>	<i>1</i>

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\* Source: David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Two: Final Evaluation of Barry County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999), based on 1997 caseload reports to SCAO.

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN BARRY COUNTY IN 1995*					
Case Type	Begin Pending	Filed/Re- opened	Disposed	End Pending	Over 2 Years
<i>Nontraffic</i>					
• Felony	100	326	313	113	0
• Misdemeanor	404	1,151	1,036	519	0
• Civil Infractions	4	42	44	2	0
<i>Traffic</i>					
• Misdemeanor/Civil	696	9,270	9,004	962	0
• OUIL/OWI	66	387	346	107	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	115	558	538	135	0
• Small Claims	65	466	471	60	0
• Summary Proceedings	21	255	249	27	0
<i>District Court Totals</i>	<i>1,471</i>	<i>12,455</i>	<i>12,001</i>	<i>1,925</i>	<i>0</i>

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\* Source: David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Two: Final Evaluation of Barry County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999), based on 1995 caseload reports to SCAO.

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN BARRY COUNTY IN 1997*					
Case Type	Begin Pending	Filed	Disposed	End Pending	Over 2 Years
<i>Nontraffic</i>					
• Felony	115	317	344	88	0
• Misdemeanor	391	1248	1252	387	0
• Civil Infractions	8	177	182	3	0
<i>Traffic</i>					
• Misdemeanor/Civil	723	8009	7965	767	0
• OUIL/OWI	63	388	372	79	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	201	847	892	156	0
• Small Claims	93	545	560	78	0
• Summary Proceedings	16	259	249	26	0
<i>District Court Totals</i>	<i>1610</i>	<i>11,790</i>	<i>11,816</i>	<i>1584</i>	<i>0</i>

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\* Source: David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Two: Final Evaluation of Barry County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999), based on 1997 caseload reports to SCAO.

**1995 PROBATE COURT  
CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN BARRY COUNTY\***

<b>Estate Cases</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>New Cases</b>	<b>Cases Closed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	
Decedent Estates	159	119	112	167	
Trusts	42	7	8	41	
Guardians	237	58	62	233	
Conservators	144	18	31	131	
Escheated Property	11	16	11	16	
All Other	n/a	444	n/a	n/a	
<b>Juvenile Cases</b>	<b>Minors Under Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Original Dispositions</b>	<b>Termination of Parental Rights</b>	<b>Review Proceedings</b>
Delinquency	541	577	188	n/a	172
Child Protection	67	29	10	8	75

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**1997 PROBATE COURT  
CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN BARRY COUNTY\***

<b>Estate Cases</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>New Cases</b>	<b>Cases Closed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	
Decedent Estates	168	105	110	163	
Trusts	38	2	3	37	
Guardians	251	73	50	274	
Conservators	140	27	25	142	
Escheated Property	0	0	0	0	
All Other	n/a	235	n/a	n/a	
<b>Juvenile Cases</b>	<b>Minors Under Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Original Dispositions</b>	<b>Termination of Parental Rights</b>	<b>Review Proceedings</b>
Delinquency	550	603	197	n/a	16
Child Protection	45	20	3	6	50

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\* Source: David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Two: Final Evaluation of Barry County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999), based on 1997 caseload reports to SCAO.

**APPENDIX S.**

**TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS  
IN BERRIEN COUNTY DEMONSTRATION COURT**

## **APPENDIX S.**

### **TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS IN BERRIEN COUNTY DEMONSTRATION COURT**

The following tables show caseload trends in Berrien County, from the years immediately preceding commencement of the trial court demonstration project through the year 2000. These tables are based on data reported to SCAO by court officials in Berrien County, and they include both (a) SCAO data reported in NCSC's 1999 evaluation of the Berrien County demonstration project,<sup>\*</sup> and (b) information provided by SCAO for this follow-up assessment. This appendix includes the following graphs and tables:

- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Berrien County in 1995;
- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Berrien County in 1997;
- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Berrien County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 2nd Circuit Court, 1993-2000;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Berrien County in 1995;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Berrien County in 1997;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Berrien County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 5<sup>th</sup> District Court, 1993-2000;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Berrien County in 1995;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Berrien County in 1997;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Berrien County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, Berrien County Probate Court, 1993-2000;
- Minors under Jurisdiction, Berrien County Juvenile Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in New Case Filings, Berrien County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Dispositions, Berrien County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Ending-Pending, Berrien County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Revenue and Expenditures, Berrien County FOC, 1993-2000; and
- Trends in FOC Caseload, Berrien County FOC, 1993-2000.

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<sup>\*</sup> See David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Three: Final Evaluation of Berrien County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999).

**CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY  
IN BERRIEN COUNTY IN 1995\***

<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>Filed/Re- opened</b>	<b>Disposed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	<b>Over 2 Years</b>
<i>Criminal</i>					
• Capital	20	81	68	33	0
• Noncapital	103	984	883	204	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	184	324	304	204	5
• Auto Negligence	110	130	126	114	2
Other	127	152	143	136	4
<i>Domestic Relations</i>					
• Divorce	583	979	1,035	527	0
• Paternity	228	701	682	247	0
• Support	94	477	431	140	0
• Other	104	630	629	105	0
<i>Appeals</i>					
• Criminal	3	6	4	5	0
• Civil	5	4	4	5	0
• Agency	5	121	122	4	0
• Other	9	23	14	18	0
<i>Berrien County Totals</i>	<i>1,575</i>	<i>4,612</i>	<i>4,445</i>	<i>1,742</i>	<i>11</i>

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\* Source: David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Three: Final Evaluation of Berrien County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999), based on 1995 caseload reports to SCAO.



**CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY  
IN BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT IN 1997\***

<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>Filed/Re- opened</b>	<b>Disposed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	<b>Over 2 Years</b>
<i>Criminal</i>					
• Capital	32	85	108	9	0
• Noncapital	174	834	949	59	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	242	316	355	203	0
• Auto Negligence	226	96	145	177	0
• Other	184	102	131	155	0
<i>Domestic Relations</i>					
• Divorce	541	848	1,057	332	0
• Paternity	234	553	645	142	0
• Support	161	408	358	211	0
• Other	65	927	863	129	0
<i>Appeals</i>					
• Criminal	3	9	1	11	0
• Civil	2	4	0	6	0
• Agency	8	110	109	9	0
• Other	31	24	45	10	0
<i>Berrien County Totals</i>	<i>1,903</i>	<i>4,316</i>	<i>4,766</i>	<i>1,453</i>	<i>0</i>

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\* Source: David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Three: Final Evaluation of Berrien County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999), based on 1997 caseload reports to SCAO.

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN BERRIEN COUNTY IN 1995*					
Case Type	Begin Pending	Filed/Re- Opened	Disposed	End Pending	Over 2 Years
<i>Nontraffic</i>					
• Felony	858	2,083	1,831	1,110	0
• Misdemeanor	3,783	5,719	4,366	5,136	0
• Civil Infractions	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Traffic</i>					
• Misdemeanor/Civil	31,108	43,814	33,361	41,561	0
• OUIL/OWI	1,335	1,458	1,184	1,609	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	1,244	3,206	3,131	1,319	0
• Small Claims	688	1,535	1,443	780	0
• Summary Proceedings	287	2,483	2,396	374	0
<i>Berrien County Totals</i>	39,303	60,298	47,712	51,889	0

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\* Source: David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Three: Final Evaluation of Berrien County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999), based on 1995 caseload reports to SCAO.

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN BERRIEN COUNTY IN 1997*					
Case Type	Begin Pending	Filed/Re- Opened	Disposed	End Pending	Over 2 Years
<i>Nontraffic</i>					
• Felony	1,573	1,978	1,719	1,832	0
• Misdemeanor	6,364	4,720	3,702	7,382	0
• Civil Infractions	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Traffic</i>					
• Misdemeanor/Civil	53,595	44,693	37,280	61,008	0
• OUIL/OWI	824	2,455	1,254	2,025	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	1,415	3,443	3,622	1,236	0
• Small Claims	882	1,644	1,613	913	0
• Summary Proceedings	418	2,552	2,417	553	0
<i>Berrien County Totals</i>	<i>65,071</i>	<i>61,485</i>	<i>51,607</i>	<i>74,949</i>	<i>0</i>

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\* Source: David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Three: Final Evaluation of Berrien County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999), based on 1997 caseload reports to SCAO.

1995 PROBATE COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN BERRIEN COUNTY*					
<b>Estate Cases</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>New Cases</b>	<b>Cases Closed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	
Decedent Estates	625	320	330	615	
Trusts	153	2	11	144	
Guardians	862	158	94	926	
Conservators	160	15	25	150	
Escheated Property	53	80	48	85	
All Other	n/a	1,485	n/a	n/a	
<b>Juvenile Cases</b>	<b>Minors Under Jurisdic- tion</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Original Disposi- tions</b>	<b>Termina- tion of Parental Rights</b>	<b>Review Procee- dings</b>
Delinquency	2,181	2,527	349	n/a	663
Child Protection	1,104	286	33	33	294

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\* Source: David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Three: Final Evaluation of Berrien County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999), based on 1995caseload reports to SCAO.

**1997 PROBATE COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN  
BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT\***

<b>Estate Cases</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>New Cases</b>	<b>Cases Closed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	
Decedent Estates	380	322	350	352	
Trusts	109	10	9	110	
Guardians	885	126	76	935	
Conservators	106	66	40	132	
All Other	n/a	651	n/a	n/a	
<b>Juvenile Cases</b>	<b>Minors Under Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Original Dispositions</b>	<b>Termination of Parental Rights</b>	<b>Review Proceedings</b>
Delinquency	1,781	1,487	382	n/a	814
Child Protection	405	105	21	33	287

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\* Source: David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Three: Final Evaluation of Berrien County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999), based on 1997 caseload reports to SCAO.

**APPENDIX T.**

**TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS  
IN IRON COUNTY DEMONSTRATION COURT**

**APPENDIX T.**  
**TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS**  
**IN IRON COUNTY DEMONSTRATION COURT**

The following tables show caseload trends in Iron County, from the years immediately preceding commencement of the trial court demonstration project through the year 2000. These tables are based on data reported to SCAO by court officials in Iron County, which in turn has been provided by SCAO for this follow-up assessment. (Because the demonstration project in Iron County was not begun until after the completion of NCSC's 1999 evaluation of the other six demonstration projects, there are no tables in this appendix on 1995 and 1997 circuit, district, and probate court caseload activity. This appendix includes the following graphs and tables:

- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Iron County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 41st Circuit Court, 1993-2000;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Iron County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 95B District Court, 1993-2000;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Iron County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, Iron County Probate Court, 1993-2000;
- Minors under Jurisdiction, Iron County Juvenile Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in New Case Filings, Iron County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Dispositions, Iron County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Ending-Pending, Iron County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Revenue and Expenditures, Iron County FOC, 1993-2000; and
- Trends in FOC Caseload, Iron County FOC, 1993-2000.

**APPENDIX U.**

**TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS  
IN ISABELLA COUNTY DEMONSTRATION COURT**



## **APPENDIX U.**

### **TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS IN ISABELLA COUNTY DEMONSTRATION COURT**

The following tables show caseload trends in Isabella County, from the years immediately preceding commencement of the trial court demonstration project through the year 2000. These tables are based on data reported to SCAO by court officials in Isabella County, and they include both (a) SCAO data reported in NCSC's 1999 evaluation of the Isabella County demonstration project,<sup>\*</sup> and (b) information provided by SCAO for this follow-up assessment. This appendix includes the following graphs and tables:

- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Isabella County in 1995;
- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Isabella County in 1997;
- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Isabella County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 21st Circuit Court, 1993-2000;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Isabella County in 1995;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Isabella County in 1997;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Isabella County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 76<sup>th</sup> District Court, 1993-2000;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Isabella County in 1995;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Isabella County in 1997;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Isabella County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, Isabella County Probate Court, 1993-2000;
- Minors under Jurisdiction, Isabella County Juvenile Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in New Case Filings, Isabella County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Dispositions, Isabella County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Ending-Pending, Isabella County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Revenue and Expenditures, Isabella County FOC, 1993-2000; and
- Trends in FOC Caseload, Isabella County FOC, 1993-2000.

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<sup>\*</sup> See David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Four: Final Evaluation of Isabella County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999).

CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN ISABELLA COUNTY IN 1995*					
Case Type	Begin Pending	Filed/Re- opened	Disposed	End Pending	Over 2 Years
<i>Criminal</i>					
• Capital	7	21	8	20	0
• Noncapital	76	370	331	115	1
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	83	99	106	76	4
• Auto Negligence	49	51	45	55	4
• Other	26	47	29	44	2
<i>Domestic Relations</i>					
• Divorce	197	331	318	210	4
• Paternity	28	56	53	31	0
• Support	6	85	66	25	0
• Other	13	102	71	44	0
<i>Appeals</i>					
• Criminal	8	5	8	5	0
• Civil	0	5	2	3	0
• Agency	9	23	13	19	1
• Other	2	4	3	3	0
<i>Isabella County Totals</i>	<i>504</i>	<i>1,199</i>	<i>1,053</i>	<i>650</i>	<i>16</i>

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CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN ISABELLA COUNTY IN 1997*					
Case Type	Begin Pending	Filed/Re- opened	Disposed	End Pending	Over 2 Years
<i>Criminal</i>					
• Capital	2	0	1	1	0
• Noncapital	101	428	408	121	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	95	119	124	90	2
• Auto Negligence	79	24	58	45	0
• Other	53	38	51	52	1
<i>Domestic Relations</i>					
• Divorce	199	253	289	163	3
• Paternity	20	45	39	26	0
• Support	24	64	60	28	0
• Other	18	154	141	28	0
<i>Appeals</i>					
• Criminal	6	5	5	6	0
• Civil	4	3	2	5	0
• Agency	19	35	32	22	0
• Other	1	1	1	1	0
<i>Isabella County Totals</i>	<i>621</i>	<i>1,169</i>	<i>1,211</i>	<i>588</i>	<i>6</i>

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DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN ISABELLA COUNTY IN 1995*					
Case Type	Begin Pending	Filed/Re- opened	Disposed	End Pending	Over 2 Years
<i>Nontraffic</i>					
• Felony	170	496	485	181	
• Misdemeanor	377	1,940	1,787	530	
• Civil Infractions	0	19	15	4	
<i>Traffic</i>					
• Misdemeanor/Civil	385	12,793	12,234	944	
• OUIL/OWI	85	463	428	120	
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	153	509	469	193	
• Small Claims	111	798	783	126	
• Summary Proceedings	35	311	300	46	
<i>Isabella County Totals</i>	<i>1,316</i>	<i>17,329</i>	<i>16,501</i>	<i>2,144</i>	

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DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN ISABELLA COUNTY IN 1997*					
Case Type	Begin Pending	Filed/Re- opened	Disposed	End Pending	Over 2 Years
<i>Nontraffic</i>					
• Felony	213	554	542	225	
• Misdemeanor	588	1,828	1,758	678	
• Civil Infractions	1	8	8	1	
<i>Traffic</i>					
• Misdemeanor/Civil	647	12,452	12,503	596	
• OUIL/OWI	131	401	394	138	
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	153	579	535	197	
• Small Claims	87	795	716	166	
• Summary Proceedings	56	386	310	132	
<b><i>Isabella County Totals</i></b>	<b><i>1,876</i></b>	<b><i>17,003</i></b>	<b><i>16,746</i></b>	<b><i>2,133</i></b>	

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1995 PROBATE COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN ISABELLA COUNTY*					
<b>Estate Cases</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>New Cases</b>	<b>Cases Closed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	
Decedent Estates	126	90	97	119	
Trusts	18	1	2	17	
Guardians	356	99	95	360	
Conservators	144	31	42	133	
Escheated Property	19	32	19	32	
All Other	n/a	410	n/a	n/a	
<b>Juvenile Cases</b>	<b>Minors Under Jurisdic- tion</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Original Disposi- tions</b>	<b>Termina- tion of Parental Rights</b>	<b>Review Procee- dings</b>
Delinquency	499	169	129	n/a	1
Child Protection	143	64	32	4	122

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1997 PROBATE COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN ISABELLA COUNTY*					
<b>Estate Cases</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>New Cases</b>	<b>Cases Closed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	
Decedent Estates	132	100	101	131	
Trusts	18	2	2	20	
Guardians	402	107	115	394	
Conservators	141	34	33	142	
All Other	n/a	143	n/a	n/a	
<b>Juvenile Cases</b>	<b>Minors Under Jurisdic- tion</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Original Disposi- tions</b>	<b>Termina- tion of Parental Rights</b>	<b>Review Procee- dings</b>
Delinquency	853	1304	224	n/a	3
Child Protection	392	193	47	6	135

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**APPENDIX V.**

**TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS  
IN LAKE COUNTY DEMONSTRATION COURT**



## **APPENDIX V. TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS IN LAKE COUNTY DEMONSTRATION COURT**

The following tables show caseload trends in Lake County, from the years immediately preceding commencement of the trial court demonstration project through the year 2000. These tables are based on data reported to SCAO by court officials in Lake County, and they include both (a) SCAO data reported in NCSC's 1999 evaluation of the Lake County demonstration project,<sup>\*</sup> and (b) information provided by SCAO for this follow-up assessment. This appendix includes the following graphs and tables:

- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Lake County, with Comparable Mason County Totals, in 1995;
- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Lake County in 1997;
- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Lake County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 51st Circuit Court, 1993-2000;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Lake County, with Comparable Newaygo County Totals, in 1995;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Lake County, with Comparable Newaygo County Totals, in 1997;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Lake County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 78<sup>th</sup> District Court, 1993-2000;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Lake County in 1995;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Lake County in 1997;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Lake County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, Lake County Probate Court, 1993-2000;
- Minors under Jurisdiction, Lake County Juvenile Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in New Case Filings, Lake County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Dispositions, Lake County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Ending-Pending, Lake County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;

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<sup>\*</sup> See David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Five: Final Evaluation of Lake County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999).

- Trends in Revenue and Expenditures, Lake County FOC, 1993-2000;  
and
- Trends in FOC Caseload, Lake County FOC, 1993-2000.

**CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN LAKE COUNTY, WITH  
COMPARABLE MASON COUNTY TOTALS, IN 1995\***

<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>Filed/Re- Opened</b>	<b>Disposed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	<b>Over 2 Years</b>
<i>Criminal</i>					
• Capital	6	6	11	1	0
• Non-capital	28	100	78	52	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	30	34	45	19	0
• Auto Negligence	12	8	10	10	0
• Other	3	6	1	8	0
<i>Domestic Relations</i>					
• Divorce	28	56	55	29	0
• Paternity	9	57	29	37	0
• Support	0	35	20	15	0
• Other	8	37	24	21	0
<i>Appeals</i>					
• Criminal	0	1	1	0	0
• Civil	0	1	0	1	0
• Agency	1	6	4	3	0
• Other	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Lake County Totals</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>349</i>	<i>278</i>	<i>196</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Mason County Totals</i>	<i>237</i>	<i>636</i>	<i>633</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>1</i>

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**CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD  
ACTIVITY IN LAKE COUNTY IN 1997\***

<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>Filed/Re- Opened</b>	<b>Disposed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	<b>Over 2 Years</b>
<i>Criminal</i>					
• Capital	1	2	2	1	0
• Non-capital	60	75	94	41	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	4	42	25	21	0
• Auto Negligence	5	5	7	3	0
• Other	3	17	10	10	0
<i>Domestic Relations</i>					
• Divorce	10	59	44	25	0
• Paternity	15	44	39	20	0
• Support	5	23	21	7	0
• Other	0	32	30	2	0
<i>Appeals</i>					
• Criminal	0	1	1	0	0
• Civil	0	0	0	0	0
• Agency	2	15	16	1	0
• Other	1	0	1	0	0
<i>Lake County Totals</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>315</i>	<i>290</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Mason County Totals</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>	<i>Not Available</i>

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DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN LAKE COUNTY, WITH COMPARABLE NEWAYGO COUNTY TOTALS, IN 1995*				
Case Type	Begin Pending	Filed	Disposed	End Pending
<i>Nontraffic</i>				
• Felony	36	161	137	60
• Misdemeanor	143	843	661	325
• Civil Infractions	0	0	0	0
<i>Traffic</i>				
• Misdemeanor/Civil	91	1,454	1,387	158
• OUIL/OWI	37	152	151	38
<i>Civil</i>				
• General Civil	64	95	80	79
• Small Claims	55	82	104	33
• Summary Proceedings	19	41	40	20
<i>Lake County Totals</i>	<i>445</i>	<i>2,828</i>	<i>2,560</i>	<i>713</i>
<i>Newaygo County Totals</i>	<i>1,985</i>	<i>11,606</i>	<i>11,183</i>	<i>2,408</i>

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DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN LAKE COUNTY, WITH COMPARABLE NEWAYGO COUNTY TOTALS IN 1997*				
Case Type	Begin Pending	Filed	Disposed	End Pending
<i>Nontraffic</i>				
• Felony	44	119	115	48
• Misdemeanor	143	308	322	129
• Civil Infractions	0	0	0	0
<i>Traffic</i>				
• Misdemeanor/Civil	222	2,277	2,218	281
• OUIL/OWI	20	204	199	25
<i>Civil</i>				
• General Civil	56	108	119	45
• Small Claims	35	142	132	45
• Summary Proceedings	22	58	42	38
<i>Lake County Totals</i>	<i>542</i>	<i>3,216</i>	<i>3,147</i>	<i>611</i>
<i>Newaygo County Totals</i>	<i>3,074</i>	<i>12,341</i>	<i>12,016</i>	<i>3,399</i>

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**1995 PROBATE COURT  
CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN LAKE COUNTY\***

<b>Estate Cases</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>New Cases</b>	<b>Cases Closed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	
Decedent Estates	50	41	36	55	
Trusts	1	0	0	1	
Guardians	107	31	26	112	
Conservators	30	10	5	35	
Escheated Property	5	21	5	21	
All Other	n/a	94	n/a	n/a	
<b>Juvenile Cases</b>	<b>Minors Under Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Original Dispositions</b>	<b>Termination of Parental Rights</b>	<b>Review Proceedings</b>
Delinquency	99	193	50	n/a	12
Child Protection	22	8	5	7	47

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\* Source: David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Five: Final Evaluation of Lake County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999), based on 1995 Lake County caseload reports to SCAO.

**1997 PROBATE COURT  
CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN LAKE COUNTY\***

<b>Estate Cases</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>New Cases</b>	<b>Cases Closed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	
Decedent Estates	42	35	36	41	
Trusts	1	0	0	1	
Guardians	104	19	24	99	
Conservators	49	9	21	37	
Escheated Property	0	0	0	0	
All Other	n/a	70	n/a	n/a	
<b>Juvenile Cases</b>	<b>Minors Under Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Original Dispositions</b>	<b>Termination of Parental Rights</b>	<b>Review Proceedings</b>
Delinquency	148	134	112	n/a	28
Child Protection	51	14	10	3	31

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\* Source: David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Five: Final Evaluation of Lake County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999), based on 1997 Lake County Probate Court Caseload report and Lake County Juvenile Activity report.



## **APPENDIX W.**

### **TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY DEMONSTRATION COURT**

## **APPENDIX W.**

### **TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY DEMONSTRATION COURT**

The following tables show caseload trends in Washtenaw County, from the years immediately preceding commencement of the trial court demonstration project through the year 2000. These tables are based on data reported to SCAO by court officials in Washtenaw County, and they include both (a) SCAO data reported in NCSC's 1999 evaluation of the Washtenaw County demonstration project,<sup>\*</sup> and (b) information provided by SCAO for this follow-up assessment. This appendix includes the following graphs and tables:

- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Washtenaw County in 1995;
- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Washtenaw County in 1997;
- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Washtenaw County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 22nd Circuit Court, 1993-2000;
- 14A District Court Caseload Activity in 1995;
- 14A District Court Caseload Activity in 1997;
- 14B District Court Caseload Activity in 1995;
- 14B District Court Caseload Activity in 1997;
- 15th District Court Caseload Activity in 1995;
- 15th District Court Caseload Activity in 1997;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Washtenaw County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 14A District Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 14B District Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 15th District Court, 1993-2000;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Washtenaw County in 1995;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Washtenaw County in 1997;
- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Washtenaw County in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, Washtenaw County Probate Court, 1993-2000;
- Minors under Jurisdiction, Washtenaw County Juvenile Court, 1993-2000;

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<sup>\*</sup> See David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume Six: Final Evaluation of Washtenaw County Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999).

- Trends in New Case Filings, Washtenaw County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Dispositions, Washtenaw County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Ending-Pending, Washtenaw County Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Revenue and Expenditures, Washtenaw County FOC, 1993-2000; and
- Trends in FOC Caseload, Washtenaw County FOC, 1993-2000.

**CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY  
IN WASHTENAW COUNTY IN 1995\***

<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>Filed/Re- opened</b>	<b>Disposed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	<b>Over 2 Years</b>
<i>Criminal</i>					
• Capital	51	146	127	70	1
• Noncapital	546	1,900	1,744	702	33
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	536	796	744	588	25
• Auto Negligence	278	251	249	280	7
• Other	689	721	682	728	46
<i>Domestic Relations</i>					
• Divorce	801	1,500	1,564	737	6
• Paternity	167	420	431	156	1
• Support	93	329	327	95	0
• Other	72	584	317	321	1
<i>Appeals</i>					
• Criminal	9	13	14	8	0
• Civil	20	26	27	19	1
• Agency	54	191	185	60	0
• Other	14	77	66	25	0
<b><i>Washtenaw County Totals</i></b>	<b><i>3,330</i></b>	<b><i>6,954</i></b>	<b><i>6,477</i></b>	<b><i>3,807</i></b>	<b><i>121</i></b>

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CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN WASHTENAW COUNTY IN 1997*					
Case Type	Begin Pending	Filed/Re- opened	Disposed	End Pending	Over 2 Years
<i>Criminal</i>					
• Capital	76	198	164	110	7
• Noncapital	886	2,560	2,537	909	263
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	636	854	822	668	54
• Auto Negligence	506	220	355	371	19
• Other	785	575	651	709	76
<i>Domestic Relations</i>					
• Divorce	847	1,439	1,441	845	15
• Paternity	111	353	315	149	1
• Support	61	304	306	59	0
• Other	276	1,059	962	373	5
<i>Appeals</i>					
• Criminal	24	14	22	16	2
• Civil	20	35	19	36	2
• Agency	50	146	148	48	1
• Other	50	100	110	40	0
<b><i>Washtenaw County Totals</i></b>	<b>4,328</b>	<b>7,857</b>	<b>7,852</b>	<b>4,333</b>	<b>445</b>

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<b>14A DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN 1995*</b>					
<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>Filed/Re-opened</b>	<b>Disposed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	<b>Over 2 Years</b>
<i>Nontraffic</i>					
• Felony	174	0	25	149	0
• Misdemeanor	2,147	3,375	3,388	2,134	0
• Civil Infractions	11	13	15	9	0
<i>Traffic</i>					
• Misdemeanor/Civil	5,391	24,148	23,019	6,520	0
• OUIL/OWI	205	672	607	270	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	565	2,744	2,573	735	0
• Small Claims	161	987	1,006	142	0
• Summary Proceedings	165	3,387	3,311	241	0
<b><i>14A District Court Totals</i></b>	<b><i>8,819</i></b>	<b><i>35,326</i></b>	<b><i>33,944</i></b>	<b><i>10,201</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>

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<b>14A DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN 1997*</b>					
<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>Filed/Re-opened</b>	<b>Disposed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	<b>Over 2 Years</b>
<i>Nontraffic</i>					
• Felony	144	0	0	144	0
• Misdemeanor	2,665	3,342	3,357	2,650	0
• Civil Infractions	18	66	52	32	0
<i>Traffic</i>					
• Misdemeanor/Civil	7,271	32,175	32,407	7,039	0
• OUIL/OWI	318	648	700	266	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	990	2,944	2,873	1,061	0
• Small Claims	184	988	1,028	144	0
• Summary Proceedings	201	3,450	3,406	245	0
<b><i>14A District Court Totals</i></b>	<b><i>11,791</i></b>	<b><i>43,613</i></b>	<b><i>43,823</i></b>	<b><i>11,581</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>

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<b>14B DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN 1995*</b>					
<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>Filed/Re-opened</b>	<b>Disposed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	<b>Over 2 Years</b>
<i>Nontraffic</i>					
• Felony	397	0	1	396	0
• Misdemeanor	1,556	1,737	1,423	1,870	0
• Civil Infractions	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Traffic</i>					
• Misdemeanor/Civil	12,952	8,434	8,242	13,144	0
• OUIL/OWI	92	186	157	121	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	3,289	835	774	3,350	0
• Small Claims	1,156	348	300	1,204	0
• Summary Proceedings	1,028	2,365	2,499	894	0
<b><i>14B District Court Totals</i></b>	<b><i>20,470</i></b>	<b><i>13,905</i></b>	<b><i>13,396</i></b>	<b><i>20,979</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>

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<b>14B DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN 1997*</b>					
<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>Filed/Re-opened</b>	<b>Disposed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	<b>Over 2 Years</b>
<i>Nontraffic</i>					
• Felony	394	0	2	392	0
• Misdemeanor	2,185	1,436	1,355	2,266	0
• Civil Infractions	108	640	336	412	0
<i>Traffic</i>					
• Misdemeanor/Civil	14,507	12,131	10,876	15,762	0
• OUIL/OWI	206	299	267	238	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	3,446	1,043	1,148	3,341	0
• Small Claims	1,241	422	349	1,314	0
• Summary Proceedings	917	2,246	1,981	1,182	0
<b><i>14B District Court Totals</i></b>	<b><i>23,004</i></b>	<b><i>18,217</i></b>	<b><i>16,314</i></b>	<b><i>24,907</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>

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<b>15th DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN 1995*</b>					
<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>Filed/Re-opened</b>	<b>Disposed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	<b>Over 2 Years</b>
<i>Nontraffic</i>					
• Felony	213	0	10	203	0
• Misdemeanor	2,629	2,540	2,395	2,774	0
• Civil Infractions	100	928	917	111	0
<i>Traffic</i>					
• Misdemeanor/Civil	2,196	20,551	20,183	2,564	0
• OUIL/OWI	212	392	410	194	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	394	1,100	1,039	455	0
• Small Claims	167	1,065	1,080	152	0
• Summary Proceedings	90	1,446	1,447	89	0
<b><i>15th District Court Totals</i></b>	<b><i>6,001</i></b>	<b><i>28,022</i></b>	<b><i>27,481</i></b>	<b><i>6,542</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>

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<b>15th DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN 1997*</b>					
<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>Filed/Re-opened</b>	<b>Disposed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	<b>Over 2 Years</b>
<i>Nontraffic</i>					
• Felony	162	28	9	181	0
• Misdemeanor	2,780	6,636	5,152	4,264	0
• Civil Infractions	42	1,064	982	124	0
<i>Traffic</i>					
• Misdemeanor/Civil	3,013	29,055	26,527	5,541	0
• OUIL/OWI	126	486	398	214	0
<i>Civil</i>					
• General Civil	306	1,102	1,162	246	0
• Small Claims	173	1,038	1,010	210	0
• Summary Proceedings	87	1,394	1,452	29	0
<b><i>15th District Court Totals</i></b>	<b><i>6,689</i></b>	<b><i>40,803</i></b>	<b><i>36,692</i></b>	<b><i>10,800</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>

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**1995 PROBATE COURT  
CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN WASHTENAW COUNTY\***

<b>Estate Cases</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>New Cases</b>	<b>Cases Closed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	
Decedent Estates	1,094	527	593	1,028	
Trusts	308	20	23	305	
Guardians	1,470	447	392	1,525	
Conservators	816	152	131	837	
Escheated Property	80	418	112	386	
All Other	n/a	2,038	n/a	n/a	
<b>Juvenile Cases</b>	<b>Minors Under Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Original Dispositions</b>	<b>Termination of Parental Rights</b>	<b>Review Proceedings</b>
Delinquency	2,124	2,326	479	n/a	1,236
Child Protection	510	115	52	25	491

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<b>1997 PROBATE COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN WASHTENAW COUNTY*</b>					
<b>Estate Cases</b>	<b>Begin Pending</b>	<b>New Cases</b>	<b>Cases Closed</b>	<b>End Pending</b>	
Decedent Estates	1,037	399	362	1,074	
Trusts	278	22	16	284	
Guardians	1,190	275	201	1,264	
Conservators	800	104	104	800	
All Other	n/a	1,114	n/a	n/a	
<b>Juvenile Cases</b>	<b>Minors Under Jurisdic- tion</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Original Disposi- tions</b>	<b>Termina- tion of Parental Rights</b>	<b>Review Procee- dings</b>
Delinquency	2,343	1,730	642	n/a	244
Child Protection	634	241	100	25	559

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**APPENDIX X.**

**TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS  
IN 46<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DEMONSTRATION COURT**

## **APPENDIX X.**

### **TABLES AND CHARTS SHOWING CASELOAD TRENDS IN 46<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT DEMONSTRATION COURT**

The following tables show caseload trends in the 46<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, from the years immediately preceding commencement of the trial court demonstration project through the year 2000. These tables are based on data reported to SCAO by court officials in the 46<sup>th</sup> Circuit, and they include both (a) SCAO data reported in NCSC's 1999 evaluation of the 46th Circuit demonstration project,<sup>\*</sup> and (b) information provided by SCAO for this follow-up assessment. This appendix includes the following graphs and tables:

- 1995 Circuit Court Caseload Activity by County in the 46<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit;
- 1997 Circuit Court Caseload Activity by County in the 46<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit;
- Circuit Court Caseload Activity in Crawford/Kalkaska/Otsego Counties in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 46th Circuit Court, 1993-2000;
- 1995 Caseload Activity of the 83rd and 87th District Courts in the Counties of the 46th Judicial Circuit;
- 1997 Caseload Activity by County of the District Division of the 46th Circuit Consolidated Trial Court;
- District Court Caseload Activity in Crawford/Kalkaska/Otsego Counties in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 87-3 District Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 87-2 District Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, 83-1 District Court, 1993-2000;
- 1995 Probate Court Caseload Activity in the Counties of the 46th Judicial Circuit;
- 1997 Probate Court Caseload Activity in the Counties of the 46th Judicial Circuit;

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<sup>\*</sup> See David Steelman, Karen Gottlieb, and Dawn Marie Rubio, *Michigan Trial Court Consolidation. Volume One: Final Evaluation of 46<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Demonstration Project* (Denver, Co.: National Center for State Courts, Court Services Division, 1999).

- Probate Court Caseload Activity in Crawford/Kalkaska/Otsego Counties in 2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, Crawford County Probate Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, Kalkaska County Probate Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Filings, Dispositions, and Pending Cases, Otsego County Probate Court, 1993-2000;
- Minors under Jurisdiction, 46th Circuit Juvenile Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in New Case Filings, C46 Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Dispositions, C46 Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Ending-Pending, C46 Demonstration Court, 1993-2000;
- Trends in Revenue and Expenditures, Crawford/Kalkaska/Otsego County FOC, 1993-2000; and
- Trends in FOC Caseload, Crawford/Kalkaska/Otsego County FOC, 1993-2000.



**1995 CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY BY COUNTY  
IN THE 46th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT\***

<b>Description</b>	<b>Crawford County</b>	<b>Kalkaska County</b>	<b>Otsego County</b>	<b>Circuit Totals</b>
<b><i>Criminal Cases</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	36	25	46	107
Cases Filed or Reopened	96	90	92	278
Cases Disposed	100	99	105	304
Ending Pending	32	16	33	81
Pending Over Two Years	0	0	2	2
<b><i>Civil Cases</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	98	63	126	287
Cases Filed or Reopened	76	56	133	265
Cases Disposed	88	63	123	274
Ending Pending	86	56	136	278
Pending Over Two Years	2	2	14	18
<b><i>Domestic Relations</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	103	89	128	320
Cases Filed or Reopened	210	228	259	697
Cases Disposed	217	225	231	673
Ending Pending	96	92	156	344
Pending Over Two Years	2	1	3	6
<b><i>Appeals</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	6	4	10	20
Cases Filed or Reopened	8	7	8	23
Cases Disposed	10	5	11	26
Ending Pending	4	6	7	17
Pending Over Two Years	0	0	0	0

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**1997 CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY BY COUNTY  
IN THE 46th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT\***

<b>Description</b>	<b>Crawford County</b>	<b>Kalkaska County</b>	<b>Otsego County</b>	<b>Circuit Totals</b>
<b><i>Criminal Cases</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	35	24	31	90
Cases Filed or Reopened	96	112	94	302
Cases Disposed	90	95	99	284
Ending Pending	41	41	26	108
Pending Over Two Years	0	0	0	0
<b><i>Civil Cases</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	88	60	133	281
Cases Filed or Reopened	82	76	120	279
Cases Disposed	88	73	130	291
Ending Pending	83	63	123	269
Pending Over Two Years	6	1	9	16
<b><i>Domestic Relations</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	94	102	135	331
Cases Filed or Reopened	212	216	305	733
Cases Disposed	181	238	297	716
Ending Pending	125	80	143	348
Pending Over Two Years	1	1	1	3
<b><i>Appeals</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	4	3	8	15
Cases Filed or Reopened	11	9	17	37
Cases Disposed	8	9	17	34
Ending Pending	7	3	8	18
Pending Over Two Years	0	0	0	0

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1995 CASELOAD ACTIVITY OF THE 83rd AND 87th DISTRICT COURTS IN THE COUNTIES OF THE 46th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT*				
Description	Crawford County	Kalkaska County	Otsego County	3-County Totals
<b><i>Felony Preliminary Proceedings</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	237	91	128	456
New Cases Filed	207	143	157	507
Total Dispositions	187	140	149	476
Ending Pending	257	94	136	487
<b><i>Nontraffic Misdemeanors</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	175	414	360	949
New Cases Filed	828	695	561	2084
Total Dispositions	782	877	587	2246
Ending Pending	221	232	334	787
<b><i>Traffic: OUIL/OWI</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	25	64	88	177
New Cases Filed	140	193	178	511
Total Dispositions	139	226	219	584
Ending Pending	26	31	47	104
<b><i>Traffic: Misdemeanors/Civil</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	280	1353	1374	3007
New Cases Filed	1951	7226	5322	14499
Total Dispositions	1957	8018	5972	15947
Ending Pending	274	561	724	1559
<b><i>General Civil</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	167	59	85	311
New Cases Filed	128	164	295	587
Total Dispositions	123	165	248	536
Ending Pending	172	58	132	362
<b><i>Small Claims</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	211	41	84	336
New Cases Filed	140	263	594	997
Total Dispositions	149	247	539	935
Ending Pending	202	57	139	398
<b><i>Summary Proceedings</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	43	11	13	67
New Cases Filed	57	129	100	286
Total Dispositions	52	115	101	268
Ending Pending	48	25	12	85

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1997 CASELOAD ACTIVITY BY COUNTY OF THE DISTRICT DIVISION OF THE 46th CIRCUIT CONSOLIDATED TRIAL COURT*				
Description	Crawford County	Kalkaska County	Otsego County	3-County Totals
<b><i>Felony Preliminary Proceedings</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	287	97	179	563
New Cases Filed	231	151	204	586
Total Dispositions	208	146	192	546
Ending Pending	310	102	191	603
<b><i>Nontraffic Misdemeanors</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	377	270	368	1,015
New Cases Filed	1,076	1,006	782	2,864
Total Dispositions	1,104	1,029	662	2,795
Ending Pending	349	247	488	1,084
<b><i>Traffic: OUIL/OWI</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	36	56	75	167
New Cases Filed	102	263	179	544
Total Dispositions	107	241	184	532
Ending Pending	31	78	70	179
<b><i>Traffic: Misdemeanors/Civil</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	308	441	966	1,715
New Cases Filed	3,015	5,845	7,135	15,995
Total Dispositions	3,046	6,187	7,048	16,281
Ending Pending	277	99	488	864
<b><i>General Civil</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	177	75	116	368
New Cases Filed	233	254	278	765
Total Dispositions	159	221	212	592
Ending Pending	251	108	182	541
<b><i>Small Claims</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	193	65	97	355
New Cases Filed	328	299	637	1,264
Total Dispositions	289	293	550	1,132
Ending Pending	232	71	184	487
<b><i>Summary Proceedings</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	55	28	12	95
New Cases Filed	117	111	149	377
Total Dispositions	115	113	131	359
Ending Pending	57	26	30	113

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1995 PROBATE COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN THE COUNTIES OF THE 46th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT*				
Description	Crawford County	Kalkaska County	Otsego County	3-County Totals
<b><i>Estates and Trusts</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	83	57	80	220
Cases Opened	31	39	49	119
Cases Closed	45	30	56	131
Ending Pending	69	66	73	208
<b><i>Guardians &amp; Conservators</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	216	195	265	676
Cases Opened	74	66	71	211
Cases Closed	53	33	76	162
Ending Pending	237	228	260	725
<b><i>Escheated Property</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	3	5	1	9
Cases Opened	27	5	5	37
Cases Closed	3	5	1	9
Ending Pending	27	5	5	37
<b><i>All Other Probate Matters</i></b>				
Beginning Pending	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cases Opened	124	173	178	475
Cases Closed	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ending Pending	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b><i>Juvenile Delinquency</i></b>				
Minors Under Jurisdiction	178	160	174	512
Delinquency Petitions	145	136	150	431
Original Dispositions	33	76	67	176
Disposition Reviews	42	21	71	134
<b><i>Child Protective Proceedings</i></b>				
Minors Under Jurisdiction	20	56	36	112
Child Protective Petitions	11	33	16	60
Original Dispositions	1	21	10	32
Parental Rights Terminations	0	6	10	16
Review Proceedings	21	54	20	95

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1997 PROBATE COURT CASELOAD ACTIVITY IN THE COUNTIES OF THE 46th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT*				
Description	Crawford County	Kalkaska County	Otsego County	3-County Totals
<i><b>Estates and Trusts</b></i>				
Beginning Pending	78	55	83	216
Cases Opened	34	24	42	100
Cases Closed	39	73	76	188
Ending Pending	73	230	79	382
<i><b>Guardians &amp; Conservators</b></i>				
Beginning Pending	180	230	83	493
Cases Opened	57	73	42	172
Cases Closed	53	73	46	172
Ending Pending	184	230	79	493
<i><b>All Other Probate Matters</b></i>				
Beginning Pending	3	N/a	N/a	N/a
Cases Opened	67	34	122	223
Cases Closed	1	N/a	N/a	N/a
Ending Pending	2	N/a	N/a	N/a
<i><b>Juvenile Delinquency</b></i>				
Minors Under Jurisdiction	149	201	193	543
Delinquency Petitions	124	127	126	377
Original Dispositions	31	51	77	159
Disposition Reviews	28	2	76	106
<i><b>Child Protective Proceedings</b></i>				
Minors Under Jurisdiction	78	62	31	171
Child Protective Petitions	42	23	10	75
Original Dispositions	36	9	8	53
Parental Rights Terminations	5	1	3	9
Review Proceedings	43	60	35	138

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